GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
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DRUG POLICY AND PRICE CONTROLLING MECHANISM .
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a): whether the Government have conducted any study to evaluate the effectiveness of drug policy and price controlling mechanism so as to check improper profit earned by the drug manufacturing companies;

(b): if so, the details thereof alongwith implementation and the lacunae in the drug policy and price controlling system; and Â©: the steps taken by the Government to increase the production of life saving drugs and make them available at cheaper prices?

Answer

MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS(SHRI SURESH P.PRABHU)
(a) and (b): In March, 1999 the Government had constituted a Drug PriceControl Review Committee (DPCRC) to review the current drug price control mechanism and to suggest alternate models, with a view to reducing the rigours of price control, where they had become counter-productive. The Committee has submitted its report to the Government.
Â©: The Drug Policy of the Government is directed towards ensuring abundant availability of drugs at reasonable prices.